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Five Rivers Friends, a member of the Interfaith Power and Light organization in South Carolina, is concerned about Caring for God's Creation. We believe that as members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) we are called to live lightly on the planet, so that others may also live. We know that power plants are a major source of pollution that is damaging our climate and causing suffering for many in the path of storms and rising water levels. We take our responsibility for our energy use very seriously.

We call on our elected and appointed officials to act quickly to ensure that solar energy power is made as inexpensive as possible and as abundant as possible. We urge the rapid passage of a solar leasing bill that will allow congregations to implement investment approaches that are compatible with our faith and practice. We ask that a hearing be held by the public forum for the discussion of energy policy in South Carolina.

Reschedule this meeting now and allow an open and transparent conversation about net billing and net metering.

I attended a Green Faith Conference in Charlotte where a member of a synagogue in Greensboro, NC had taken advantage of their solar leasing law. The congregation was very pleased with the financial and environmental results. We need such a law in SC.

South Carolina has already lost out in the opportunity to excel in solar power investment. Our infrastructure for this energy source is far behind that of many states. Our locally available energy sources are wind and sunshine, and these must be converted for the use of our citizens as we struggle with poverty and joblessness in the State.

We look forward to your early response to these requests as we acknowledge our economic realities and honor our faith traditions.

Grace Gifford

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